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Selectmen of the Town of Canaan,

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BY THE

Selectmen of the Town of Canaan,

FOR THE

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Selectmen's Account.

Moneys received for the year 1867.

Taxes assessed for the year 1867	$10,652 54
Amount received from Railroad Tax	939 65
Amount received from Savings Bank Tax	35 50
Amount received from Literary Fund	72 00
From United States—Bounty to Volunteers	904 85
From the County on account of Paupers	605 06
From town of Hanover on account of Paupers	18 75
Money received on sales at the Poor Farm	134 71
" " on new Notes	23,757 87
" " from Edwin B Miner	279 47
Total amount received from all sources	$37,400 40

Expenditures for the year 1867.

Paid State Tax	$2,875 00
" County Tax	1,283 25
To the several School Districts	1,991 46
State Aid to John B Lovcrin	2 00
Cash paid out on Notes and Receipts	23,877 72
For services of Town Officers	568 40
For repairing Highways and Bridges	624 79
For Building New Bridges	631 50
For Breaking Roads	58 69
For Abatement of Taxes	197 21
On Miscellaneous Accounts	1,297 28
For Expenses of Town Poor	1,010 65
For Expenses of County Paupers	924 61
Total expenditures for the year	$35.342 56
Balance in favor of the Town,	$ 2,057 84

The following are the amounts paid to each school district, namely, to

No 1	$148 97	8	95 83	15	63 36
2	145 63	9	76 37	16	63 07
3	66 23	10	84 81	17	90 63
4	67 07	11	131 21	18	84 79
5	85 61	12	82 43	19	76 34
6	66 37	13	71 95	20	82 90
7	215 90	14	102 95	21	76 53

For Repairs of Highways and Bridges.

Harley Morey	5 00	Samuel H Dow	179 69
Joseph Welch	14 50	Daniel H Campbell	4 50
Caleb S Jones	10 60	George Davis	29 75
Caleb N Homan	15 31	Harrison Trumbull	48 49
Parkhurst Kimball	15 60	Thomas J Hardy	2 41
Levi George	2 00	Peter S Wells	11 50
John Currier	8 79	Benjamin Norris	20 00

John Currier	10 11	John W Currier	13 00
Elihu Derby	11	Hezekiah C Chase	11 00
Moses Hadley	11 71	Robert Bruce	1 75
William Aldrich	1 50	John H Lathrop	16 93
Stephen Morse	13 12	Dexter Richardson	5 66
George Davis	6	Daniel Hinkson	26 00
George F Wells	4	Hollis B Whitney	33 50
George Davis	5	Frank H Wells	13 17
Henry C George	2 25	Daniel Goss	9 00
John Packard	8 00	Nathan Willis	8 75
Thaddeus S Lathrop	8 50		
Robert B Clark	9 50	Total,	$624 79

For Breaking Roads.

Benjamin P Lary (1866)	5 00	Charles N Morse	15 4
Matthew H Clark	6 00	Carlton C Clark	37 8
Lewis N Bradbury	7 00	John B Clark	35 0
Elihu Derby	1 98	John H Swett	1 89
Alexander Jefferson	4 00	Benjamin P Lary	3 00
Alvah Dodge	6 50		
John H Swett	2 00		$58 69
J J Follansbee	12 50		

For Building New Bridges.

FOR THE WELLS BRIDGE.			
John Q Perley, spikes,	15 54	Charles Day, rebuilding bridge at Fac. Vill,	122 17
" " lumber,	173 63	Dustin and Somers,	103 23
Willis and French	187 50	Thaddeus S Lathrop, new road at Fac. Vill,	28 00
Nathan Willis	13 75		
Moses French	14 88	Total,	$631 50

Cash Paid out on Notes and Receipts.

Notes.			
Leonard Davis	484 60	Richard Hutchinson	431 34
Frank T Dustin	62 54	Lois Dole	120 63
Converse Goodhue	1418 51	Washington Whittier	114 90
Edrick Shackford	126 92	Tracy H Jones	75
		Jonathan A Sanborn	622 59

James Doton	114 31	James Eastman	362 33
Edward Currier	206 14	John W Bean	542 45
Martin Davis	880 57	Gilbert S Hadley	358 93
Gordon Burley	374 50	Gilbert S Hadley	370 53
Gilbert J Robie	136 36	Isaac Davis	156 75
Ara Wheat	141 14	Gordon Burley	342 92
Miriam Jones	602 80	Gordon Burley	308 70
Richard Hutchinson	2120	Thomas Sanborn	145 45
Emily Talbot	108 12	Mary W Hutchinson	2123 75
Darius Barnard	207 40	Seth Blodgett	329 49
John H Sweatt	55 34	Augustus Shepard	135 35
Calvin Gage	247	Seth Blodgett	682 82
Gordon Burley	308 70	Richard Hutchinson	162 70
Edrick Shackford	107	John H Sweatt	212
Harriet N Goodhue	827 47	Bela B Whitney	119 25
Ezekiel Wells	298 35	Elijah Smith	219 72
Seth Blodgett	454 64	Betsey F Cobb	122 31
James Colcord	220 80	Horatio Gales	136 29
Chamberlain Packard	373 46		
Ezekiel Wells	234	*Receipts.*	
Calvin Gage	311 22	Horace Chase	45 00
Moses E Currier	141 83	Annis Swett	50
Caleb Blodgett	204 25	Phebe Dustin	45 78
Isaac N Blodgett	514 50	Arnold Morgan	26 46
George Blodgett	823 13	Sidney L Colby	76 10
Abby Barnes	274 53	Betsey Follansbee	65 33
Abby Barnes	283 70	William Carter	50
James P Barber	940	James Doton	19 58
John Philbrick	103	Richard Hutchinson	12 75
Joseph Loverin	120 28	Henry H Hanchett	94 68
Alfred M Shackford	386 44	Dorcas Pattee	72 00
Moses E George	231 54		
Richard Hutchinson	648 71	Total	$23,877 72

Abatement of Taxes.

1865.		*1867.*	
Charles Bushway	7 00	Alamando Bucklin	4 34
1866.		David H Butman	4 34
Tilton Nichols	27 15	Amos Thompson	4 34
J Webster Butman	4 32	Frank W Davis	4 34
Daniel B Webber	4 87	Amon H Cole	5 52
Frank H Swett	55	Alpheus Preston	4 34

Moses Pressey	7 02	Calvin Pressey's Estate	90
Joseph Messer	4 87	Charles A McIntire	4 34
Nancy Harvey	3 57	John Berry	4 34
Lovel K Currier	4 32	Leverett Elliott	4 34
Samuel R C Dunham	4 32	George Morey	5 20
Placid Adams	4 32	Oliver F Clements	9 41
Moses Knights	5 67	Hiram Philbrick	7 69
Lucy Knights	2 27	Everett O Williams	4 34
Charles Bushway	7 02	Peter Perron	5 25
George Morey	5 12	Alcander Pollard	4 34
Alcander Pollard	4 32	Frank Drake	4 34
Moses Kimball	5 22	Thomas Bushway	4 34
Joseph Messer	4 87	Charles Bushway	4 34
	106 82		$90 39

Miscellaneous Accounts.

Wm A Wallace, printing	11 50	John Sullivan	10 00
John M Barber	13 75	John H Morse	18 50
" "	5 50	Harry Leeds	3 25
" "	11 95	Benjamin P George	10 00
B W Sanborn, stationery	5 50	Augustus Shepard	3 00
E C Eastman, stationery	12 59	Estate of J S Shepard	3 00
Bela B Whitney	3 36	Elijah George	3 00
Jeremiah Whitney	4 00	John Currier, sheep	9 00
Isaac H Blodgett (1866)	99 55	Sanborn & Barney	25
W W George	166 84	Moses Marshall	1 00
Peter S Wells	9 30	Dexter Richardson	5 00
G W Murray for '65-6-7,	611 66	Charles Barney	2 65
Benjamin Norris	9 00	Dexter Richardson	23 50
Peter S Wells	5 09	Stephen R Swett	12 50
Harley Morey	50 00	G S Stevens for I Harris	130 00
Sumner Truell	25 00		
Samuel N Homan	12 63	Total,	$1297 28
Henry Martin	5 00		

Expenses of the Town Poor.

J D Weeks for Dan Cole	48 90	J B Jenness for his father	85 75
A Whitney for S Sanborn	20 00	Dr Arnold Morgan	6 75
Foster May for Ellen May	15 00	J F Clough for Lucy Dow	12 00
S Smith for Aldrich child	25 00	Saml Dow for his mother	92 00
Foster May for Ellen May	25 00	Elv Howard for her mother	3 75
E Howard for her mother	21 00	Dr Ara Wheat	115 75
Plainfield for I W Kimball	9 00	H Morey fr J Hadley et al	212 00
R S Gross for Ellen May	19 00	Dr N P Taplin	20 00
Sanborn & Barney for D Cole	4 00	B N Pollard for his mother	52 00
Jesse Martin for Jenness	31 49	Town of Dorchester for	
Joel Dean for Dan Cole	45 50	J Follansbee and family	26 76
N S Preston for Ellen May	40 00	Total,	$1010 65

Expenses of County Paupers.

G L Whittier for A J Abbott	6 25	Dr Arnold Morgan	51 75
K & George fr Trowbridge	62 50	J Martin for M Colombe	3 00
P & Bradbury fr Clements	20	Dr Arnold Morgan	5 00
C S Howard "	83	A Colombe for Julia Abbot	20 00
J P Cole for John Berry	9 00	J Currier for Allard boy	12 16
J Wilson for Betsy Smith	101	C Jones for Alexander fam	32 75
C Clough for Mrs Clements	39 81	Sanborn & B for Mercy Fox	5 00
Bill of Dr Wheat	67 45	Kelley & G-BD Alexander	10 00
S&Barney for A J Abbott	76	" for Waterman	74 16
E B&Son for Abbott et al	22 50	J Whitney transient	2 00
K & George for M Colombe	15	Benjamin Norris transient	16 00
M H Milton for Alexander	22	Ros Mitchell for her dau.	9 00
P&Bradbury for H Philbrick	5 00	P S Wells—Alexander fam	6 60
J F Clough for D York	108 28	Dr N P Taplin	6 86
J Dustin for M Colombe	29 00	W L Dunham for Anna Fox	72 00
Perley & B for Waterman	4 00		
Moses W Sawyer	10 25	Total,	$924 61

New Notes given in 1867-8.

Eleanor D Morse	1000	Henry Shepard	100
Henry Morse	500	Chamberlain Packard	500
John Philbrick	100	Richard R Smith	370
Albert Haggett	300	Abby D Barnes	558 23
Isaac Davis	150	Richard Hutchinson	3150

Tracy H Jones	150	Richard Hutchinson	200
Darius Barnard	200	Gilbert S Hadley	358 53
William Carter	175	Gilbert S Hadley	370 19
Henry Shepard	520	Annis Sweatt	215
Elijah George	120	Moses E George,	131
John W Martin	275	Moses E George	100
Converse Goodhue	1418 51	Calvin Gage	247
Henry Shepard	155	George W Murray	500
Erastus Packard	3500	Miriam Jones	500
Ezekiel Wells	400	Calvin Gage	321 22
Mary W Hutchinson	940	Charles Davis	880 50
Peter S Wells	500	Moses E Currier	141 43
Silas Hadley	150	Edward Currier	206 14
Charles Davis	875	Mary W Hutchinson	2123 75
Tracy H Jones	100	Mary A Robie	136 36
Aaron Currier	200	Lois Dole	514 50
Augustus Shepard	75	Lois Dole	120 63
Polly W Campbell	100		
Mary Whitney	50	Total new notes,	$23,757 87

Services of Town Officers.

Peter S. Wells, first Selectman,	*$109 50*
Benjamin Norris second Selectman,	*100 00*
John W Currier. third Selectman,	*61 00*
Charles Barney, Town Clerk,	*10 00*
James H. Kelley, Treasurer,	*16 00*
John W. Adams, Sup. School Committee,	*25 00*
Joseph D. Weeks, " " "	*25 00*
Dexter Richardson, Collector,	*95 98*
William P. Weeks, Auditor,	*3 00*
Edwin B Miner, Liquor Agent,	*122 92*
Total,	*$568 40*

Report of the Liquor Agent.

E. B. Miner, Liquor Agent, *To Town of Canaan, Dr.*

To Liquor and Fixtures on hand February 23, 1867,	$281 00
Cash received for sale of liquor for year ending February 22, 1867,	1890 87

Cash left in agents hands to replace stock of liquors February 22, 1867,	97 61
	$2,269 48

Contra.	*Cr.*
By liquors and fixtures on hand February 22, 1868,	$ 255 00
Cash paid for Liquors the past year,	1,488 48
Liquor Agents's services,	122 92
Cash left in Agent's hands to replace stock of liquors February 22, 1868,	123 61
Cash paid Selectmen as net profit, February 22, 1868,	279 47
	$2,269 48

RECAPITULATION.

Received for the year ending Feb. 25, 1868,	$37,400 40

The Selectmen discharge themselves as follows. namely—

Paid State Tax,	$ 2,875 00
" County Tax,	1,283 25
" to the several School Districts,	1,991 46
State Aid to John B Loverin	2 00
Cash paid out on Notes and Receipts,	23,877 72
For salaries of Town Officers,	568 40
For Repairing Highways and Bridges.	624 79
For Building New Bridges,	631 50
For Breaking Roads,	58 69
For Abatement of Taxes,	197 21
On Miscellaneous Accounts,	1,297 28
For Expenses of Town Poor	1,010 65
For Expenses of County Paupers,	924 61
Total,	$35,342 56
Balance in favor of the town,	2,057 84

Liabilities of the Town.

Old indebtedness, as reported last year,	$57,587 33
New Notes given,	23,757 87
Interest,	3,455 23
	$84,800 43
Less paid on old notes and receipts,	23,877 72
	$60,922 71

Availabilities.

Balance of Taxes in Treasurer's hands	1,279 78
Cash remaining in hands of Selectmen	778 06
In hands of Treasurer as reported last year,	5279 24
Due from sales on Poor Farm,	369 59
Pest House,	163 06
Due from United States—bounties to volunteers,	3615 15
Due from County on account of Paupers,	924 61
In hands of Collector of 1861,	380 39
Liquors. Fixtures and cash in Liquor Agent's hands,	378 61
Note signed by Murray, Barney and Clark, reported last year in hands of Treasurer,	1,343 02
Interest on Literary Fund,	60 00
	14,571 51
Total Indebtedness above Availabilities,	$46,351 20

PETER S. WELLS,
BENJAMIN NORRIS,
JOHN W. CURRIER,
} Selectmen.

The undersigned has carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. P. WEEKS, AUDITOR.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to supervise the Common Schools, would most respectfully submit the following Report:

We do not expect to produce much of a sensation, for our schools "have pursued the even tenor of their way" with nothing to make their history remarkable. The town is divided into twenty-one districts. Many of them have excellent school houses with modern improvements. There are a few however that need to be enlarged, ventilated, and rendered more comfortable and attractive. These things have so much to do with the health of the body, and the cheerfulness of the mind that they ought not to escape the attention of any parent. Many of our schools would find the purchase of a set of outline maps a profitable investment. We congratulate ourselves that not a single teacher or scholar has been expelled. Although our schools are on the whole backward we believe they are advancing in rank. We think no one acquainted with the facts will deny that the present, has been a year of unusual prosperity. Uniformity in text-books has proved a great advantage to all our schools. Much credit is due to prudential committees for their efforts to secure good teachers. The wonder is, that they have succeeded so well, when we consider how poorly this worthy class of laborers is paid. We hope the town will, at their next annual meeting, take action to secure a more equitable distribution of the literary fund A moments reflection will show that great injustice is done to Dist. No. 7. which has two large schools, but receives no more of this fund for the support of its two teachers, than a district having less than half a dozen scholars, and only one teacher. Candor demands that this money should be apportioned to SCHOOLS, and not to DISTRICTS. Factory Village should have two schools, each drawing its share with districts having but one teacher. In conclusion, we com-

mend our public schools to your fostering care and liberal support. Much may be done to improve them. The reputation of the town is identified with this subject. Be careful in the selection of teachers and when you have good ones, hold on to, and encourage them. To neglect the physical, mental and moral culture of our youth, is to inflict upon them an irreparable loss.

"A dew-drop on the infant plant
Has warped the giant oak forever."

Nothing can ensure the perpetuity of our free institutions, the intelligence and virtue of our communities, and a reverence for the Great Supreme who holds in his hands the destinies of nations, but the education of those who are soon to be the citizens of this mighty republic.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Henry Martin, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was under the charge of Miss Lucy E. Fellows, whose systematic course of training the youth in this District will long be remembered, and recommended to succeeding teachers. And we feel that when she left the school-room, to assume still more weighty care, the profession lost a valuable member. We think that her scholars in arithmetic improved rapidly, inasmuch as at the commencement of the term there was not one who could tell the fraction of the sum of 1-2 and 1-3, and at the close they seemed to have a clear idea of the subject of fractions. They also appeared to have progressed well in their other studies.

The winter school was taught by Miss M. Lizzie Morse, whose method of teaching would seem to be too familiar to the people of this District to require any very lengthy remarks from the committee. Her scholars made good improvement, and her school-room was always quiet when visited by the committee.

DISTRICT No. 2.

James H. Kelley, Prudential Committee.

The summer term was under the instruction of Miss M. Lizzie Morse. Miss M. has been for three years among us as a teacher, and has exhibited a rare combination of traits for her difficult calling. It is sufficient, perhaps, to say that her efforts and success for the past year have sustained, and added to, her previous well earned reputation. Yet we *must say* that the secret of her wonderful faculty for management in regard to her pupils, lies, we think, in character—in a certain heartiness of sympathy and friendship for them. "If one would have friends, he must show himself friendly." Some time has been spent, and we think profitably, too, in the

rhetorical exercises. Many of the young girls and boys of this District, we will venture to say, can declaim better than many graduates from our colleges.

The winter term was under the charge of Rev. Mr. Bryant. Had there been a union of friendship and sympathy existing between the teacher and scholars it might have been a profitable term had it continued longer. But owing to the ill health of the teacher, it closed in little less than five weeks. Suffice it to say, we believe this teacher capable to teach and govern a school acceptably in the absence of previous existing prejudices.

DISTRICT No. 3.

T. J. Hardy, Prudential Committee.

In this District there was but one term during the year, taught by Miss Carrie Blaisdell. Miss B. sustained her good reputation as a teacher already won, in District No. 21, and fully impressed the committee with the belief that she was not indifferent to her task, though the school-room would seem to invite to sloth and inactivity, rather than to study and pleasant reflection, by reason of the "cracks and crevices" written by her in reply to the question in the Register, "Has the room any arrangements for ventilation?" Yet we noticed in this District the elements of good scholarship, though *at this time* the scholars are rather backward, owing to the fact that they attend school only about fourteen weeks in a year, and when *in the school-room* they are not usually in a comfortable condition for study.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Bela Whitney, Prudential Committee.

The summer term was taught by Miss Maria A. Temple a young lady who combines easiness and gentleness of temperament with a very dignified executive ability; which seems rather to command obedience than to order it, and which conspired to make her school both profitable and pleasant. Want of energy on her part would seem to be the only requisite needed to make her one of the most successful teachers. The second term was taught by Miss Eva Pressey, who though "young in years, is in experince old." Miss P. appeared very anxious to do duty, and it seemed to us, that she would do well in a school of more advanced scholars, judging from the progress of the scholars in their respective branches while under her charge.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Alonzo Lary, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Lovey Temple, a young teacher of considerable promise. Order fair, progress good. The

Winter Term was quite successful, under the instruction of Frances S. Beede.

DISTRICT No. 6.

S. B. Chase, Prudential Committee.

The only term during the year was taught by Miss Elsie A. Aldrich. Excellent order. Good degree of progress in all the studies, especially in all the arithmetic classes. In the final examination, not a quesion was missed in the latter. A marvellous improvement has been brought about in this school.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Elijah Smith, Prudential Committee.

The large school was under the instruction of Miss Nellie M. Washburne, summer and winter. The summer term was under excellent discipline, and was generally successful. Most of the classes improved rapidly. The winter term was not quite as profitable as the summer term, for obvious reasons. The school was nearly twice as large, rendering it more difficult to preserve order, and allowing the teacher to devote but little time to each pupil. The intellectual arithmetic classes ranked low, but the written arithmetic classes did better than usual. Miss W. worked hard, and succeeded where many, under similar disadvantages, would have failed.

The small school was taught in the summer by Miss Josie Chase, whose aptitude for government and teaching secured her this position for the second time. She was as usual very successful. The winter term was under the instruction of Miss Josie Temple. Her excellent reputation for discipline was put to a severe test. She had under her charge a sufficient number of small children for two schools. Many of them were too small to study. To keep these buds—bursting with vitality—quiet, was a task in which she had quite as good success as could be expected. General improvement in studies good, in reading marked.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Wm. Aldrich, Prudential Committee.

Miss Eveline M. Jones taught both terms. In the summer, there was good order, and a very satisfactory degree of progress in all studies, except arithmetic. At the close of the winter term, we found the school in all respects in excellent condition. Order faultless—progress rapid and thorough. The district would be wise in securing Miss Jones's services again.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Farnum Hinkson, Prudential Committee.

Miss Sarah P. Howe taught the summer term. She labored with her usual zeal, and her pupils gave a good account of themselves at the examination. The winter term was kept by Miss Sarah M. Winship. The school was creditable to the teacher, and profitable to the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 10.

B. P. Nichols, Prudential Committee.

Both summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Lois M. Leavitt. The first term there was a good degree of improvement, especially in reading. The second term showed a good degree of application to the work of the school-room. The only poor recitation was in mental arithmetic. The progress in written arithmetic was very gratifying. The order was satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 11.

R. R. Smith. Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Jennie M. Whittier. This is a school of considerable size. The summer term was orderly and profitable Shorter and more thorough lessons would have been an improvement. The winter term closed with a very good examination. Many of the scholars appeared idle and restless, but they learned nevertheless.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Philip Prescott, Prudential Committee.

Both summer and winter terms were under the tuition of Miss Loraine E. Wilson, a young lady of experience in teaching, and who had taught with success in this district before. Miss W. fully sustained her former reputation as a teacher. Her scholars made marked progress in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 13.

George P. Clark, Prudential Committee.

In this district there was but one term during the year, commenced by Miss Orinda L. Hayward, and continued under her charge for the term of eight weeks. The school made a very respectable appearance when visited near the commencement of the term. In her Register, Miss Hayward writes that "it may become tiresome ere the close," hence the reason assigned for the abrupt termination, and not the over anxious desire to wear the yoke of Hymen, as a subsequent event might induce us to believe. After Miss H. withdrew herself from the school, Mrs. E. P. Clark took charge of it.

* * * * * When we visited the school, we readily perceived that some of the scholars had advanced much farther in arithmetic than they well understood. This fact was apparent to Mrs. C. but she did not care to remedy it by incurring the ill will of the larger scholars—still, we think even at that late day it would have been better to have "reversed bearings" ; it is better to review often, than to advance on uncertainties. In this school we found one natural mathematician, who would in a few years under Mrs. C. charge become the best mathematician in town. Had Mrs. C's mode of instruction been inaugurated at the commencement of the term, the school would have been brought to a standard in point of order and scholarship, which would reflect honor to herself, and credit to her pupils.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Ebenezer Hadley, Prudential Committee.

This school has been taught during the past year by Miss Georgina Harris, a lady of experience in teaching, and who labored assiduously to promote the best interests of her school, and in this direction her efforts have been crowned with good success. The committee would judge that the people of the district felt an interest in the wellfare of this school, as we have noticed many present, when we have visited. Decided improvement was apparent in all the studies pursued, especially that of those little girls in geography, Misses Morgan, Hadley and Williams. We feel justified in saying that Miss H's good education, and efficiency as a teacher of the young, and practical experience in the same, places her among the first class of female teachers.

DISTRICT No. 15.

John Stevens, Prudential Committee.

But one term in the year, under the charge of Miss Laura E. Tilton. So far as the committee are able to judge, this was a profitable term.

DISTRICT No, 16.

J. E. Fifield, Prudential Committee.

But one school during the year taught by Miss Lovey Temple. Her scholars appeared well in all their recitations, and particularly so in their reading and spelling. Good improvement noticed at the close.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Albert Whitney, Prudential Committee.

The first term was taught by Miss Samantha R. Kinne. The school suffered by irregular attendance, but presented a very good

appearance at my last visit. The second term was taught by Miss Jennie M. Whittier, by whose untiring efforts and the co-operation of her pupils, the school flourished in every respect.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Moses C. Tucker, Prudential Committee.

This school was under the insruction of Miss Estelle A. George during the smmmer term. Miss George did well; the district and superintendent are satisfied. The winter term prospered under the charge of Miss Jennie E. Colby. The scholars loved her, and "grew in wisdom" by her skillful aid.

DISTRICT No. 19

S. H. Stevens, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Angie E. Hadley, an experienced and accomplished teacher. Her lessons in etiquette, obedience and industry found a beautiful illustration in her school. The examination was creditable to all concerned. Her method of teaching mental arithmetic is the true one, and Master Burtie Stevens' expertness is an illustration of the fact.

DISTRICT No. 20.

James Baker, Prudential Commitee.

Miss Julia A. Flanders had charge of the summer and winter terms. We congratulate the district in being able to secure from their own number, the services of so good a teacher. Miss F. in this school sustained the reputation of a valuable teacher, one calculated to raise the standard of a commou school. The scholars made great improvement in writing, and commendable proficiency in arithmetic, geography, and grammar.

DISTRICT No. 21.

Hezekiah Chase, Prudential Committee.

The summer school was taught by Miss Carrie Blaisdell, a young lady possessed of those qualities that go to make a good teacher, viz: an aptness to teach, and a willingness to impart. Consequently her scholars made good progress in their studies. The winter school was taught by Miss Maria A. Temple who seemed to be more animated in her efforts to instruct than in district No. 4. The result was a very interesting school, and good and marked improvement. The commitee marked in his diary, as follows: two little Goss girls have improved much in reading. The best readers of their age in any of the schools visited by this committee.

JOHN W. ADAMS, } *Supt. School Com.*
JOSEPH D. WEEKS, } *of Canaan.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts	No. Weeks.		Wages pr month.		No. Scholars.		Average Attendance.		Cases Tardiness.		Visits.	
	S. T.	W. T.	S. T.	W. T.	S. T.	W. T.	S. T.	W. T.	S. T.	W. T.	S. T.	W. T.
1	10	10	23.	28.	20	21	15	17	25	222	34	37
2	8	4 3 5	16.	50.	38	51	31 41-44	44	222	186	73	8
3	14		9.		14		10		13		17	
4	8	11	10.	18.	12	17	10 20-21	12 2-11	38	16	9	15
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